

Gardiner Technology Advisory Committee

Minutes of April 13, 2017 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Richard Rambo (Pro Tem) at 4:04 P.M.

Committee Members present were: Anne Davis, Malcolm Harris, Hank Uhl, Rob Munzing, and Richard Rambo. Committee Members absent were Jon Ault, Peter Malyon and Brad Dostie

Motion for Rich to be Pro Tem Chairman was unanimously approved.

Roll call was taken and previous minutes were reported lost.

1. Old Business: –report on the Connect-ME grant meeting of 3/30/17 :
 - a. New grants are invited
 - b. \$330k is available. This is not much for so many communities.
 - c. Axiom offered to write grant application in terms of a \$15k study
 - d. We will contact Tillson and Sewell (action: Rich)
 - e. Planning grants are awarded in 4 25% parcels
 - f. Different areas will be covered action/planning/computer literacy
 - g. Spectrum has removed channel 9 – is this more leverage?
 - h. May 12 is deadline for approval of action on grant application.
 - i. Public Hearing – do we need one? (eventual answer: no)
 - j. Notice for possible meeting will be published 4/14/17 for 4/27/17 meeting.
 - k. Vote for recommending grant application was unanimous in favor.
 - l. Rich volunteered point person for grant application co-ordination.
2. Other business:
 - a. Virtual Meeting Platform.
 - i. Is this legal – do we need council approval?
 - b. Shenna Bellows introducing new bills in congress
 - c. Connect-me may be shut down by Le Page in 2018
 - d. Hank and Rich attended the council meeting 4/5/17 – and were well received.

Next regular meeting: May 11th 2017 at 4pm

The April meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Malcolm Harris, Secretary